



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98-593-E)

In re the Application of:)
Peshkin et al.)
Serial No. 09/781,686)
Filed: February 12, 2001)
Title: HUB FOR A MODULAR)
INTELLIGENT ASSIST SYSTEM)

Examiner: Jeffery A. Shapiro

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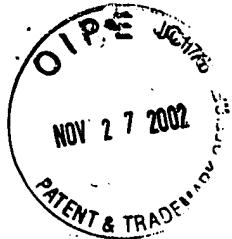
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 29, 2002

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2002, Applicants submit the following remarks.

Remarks

Claims 1-31 are presently pending in the application. In the Office Action mailed August 29, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 and 14-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,915,673 ("Kazerooni"). The Examiner additionally rejected claims 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazerooni in view of U.S. Patent 4,942,538 ("Yuan"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of these claims for the following reasons.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above-identified patent application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a. Transmittal Letter in Duplicate;
 - b. Response to Office Action Mailed August 29, 2002; and
 - c. Return Postcard.
2. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION: Please charge any additional fees or credit over-payments to the Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
3. CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and papers, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on November 22, 2002.

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